GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING IN CONCURRENT LIST
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group on agriculture for the Eleventh Five Year Plan has suggested for shifting agriculture marketing from State to the Concurrent List;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the working group has also suggested changes in the agricultural marketing system in order to promote export of agricultural products;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has accepted the suggestions made by the working group;

(f) if so, the estimated funds required for accepting these suggestions;

(g) whether the Government has written to the States for eliciting their views in this regard; and

(h) if so, the response of the States in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): Yes. Sir. The Working Group set up by the Planning Commission for 11th Five- Year Plan on Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure and Policy Required for Internal and External Trade has recommended to shift `agricultural marketing` from the list of States subjects to the Concurrent list

(c) & (d): The same Working Group, as mentioned in answer to parts (a) & (b) above, has made a number of recommendations to promote export of agricultural products. Some of the major recommendations include: development of supply chain infrastructure, improving process of domestic marketing channels through amendment in States` Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Acts, simplification of other marketing regulations, promoting market aggregators, taking up promotional activities for specific products for specific countries, financing projects/operations in Agri-Export Zones (AEZs), providing reinsurance to the insurers and credit guarantees etc.

(e) & (f): As a process of the formulation of the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012), the Planning Commission had constituted Working Groups on various aspects of Agriculture and Allied Sectors. The recommendations of these Working Groups would be used in preparation of the 11th Five-Year Plan document.

(g): No, sir.

(h): The question does not arise.